

## Andrew Jackson to William Findlay, August 20, 1834, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

**TO GOVERNOR WILLIAM FINDLAY.**

Hermitage, August 20, 1834.

*Dear sir,* I have the pleasure to acknowlege the receipt of your very kind letter of the 1st instant just received, inclosing me the first half Eagle coined at the mint in pursuance of the act of Congress of the 28th of June last, and which thro' you is presented by the chief coiner Adam Eckfeeldt Esqr for my acceptance. Assure Mr. Eckfeeldt that I receive this memento of his regard with much pleasure, and that I will treasure it up with others presented by my fellow citizens with your kind letter which shall be handed down for the benefit of the future historian, whose pen may be employed in recording the events of the present day, or as the opposition say, "*the revolution* ." It is a revolution from a destructive corrupting and demoralising paper system that makes the rich richer, and the poor poorer, to that of a metalic currency, which will give prosperity to our country, by giving to labour a fair and stable reward, and in keeping pauperism from our doors, and must be hailed by posterity, *as a glorious revolution* .

The officers of the mint deserve great praise for their skill, energy and industry in so promptly carrying into effect the act of congress and in preparing the mint so expeditiously for coining all the bullion it may receive.

I have duly noted your information with regard to the intention of the conductors of the u. states Bank, to buy up all the gold coin as it is Issued from the mint to prevent its circulation amonghst the people. This is, from their former reckless and corrupt course,

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precisely what was to be expected—this they well know is the only scheme that its circulation amongst the people can be prevented and the paper kept in circulation, but it is the duty of the Executive Government and it will perform it to adopt all legitimate means, to prevent this wicked machination of the Bank from being carried into effect, which has and must operate so injuriously to the great interest of the labour of our country. every true patriot and friend to his country will unite with the Government in resisting this wicked scheme of the Bank so destructive to the best interests of our beloved country, so destructive to the morals and the *virtue* of the people on which the perpetuity of our republican institution rests.

The vast importations of bullion expected from foreign countries with that produced from our own soil I hope will keep the mint well employed, and from a coinage of 4 millions this year two millions at least will find its way to the hands of the people. This will put forth two million of tongues against the destructive and corrupting paper system and secure forever our happy republican form of Government. I never have despaired of our republic, my hopes rest upon the virtue of the people, the source of all sovereign power in republics. the Gold bill, and the other metallic bill,<sup>1</sup> has done more for the prosperity of the union by rousing the people to a sense of their own prosperity than all other legislation by congress since the adoption of our present constitution, and for its success, Mr. Taney, Benton, and Polk, deserve not only golden medals, but the gratitude of their country.

<sup>1</sup> Coinage acts of June 25 and 28, 1834.

I have presented you to my son and daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Donelson which was with much pleasure recd. and sincerely and kindly reciprocated. Mr Donelson and his son has been indisposed, Mr. D. with a violent attack of fever, the son teething, both of whom are fast recovering. Mr. and Mrs. Donelson begs me to ask you to present to their mother their kind and affectionate regard in which my son, daughter and self unite.

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accept the assurance of my continued respect and esteem with my best wishes for your happiness,